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"Flower Towns"

Any town ought to be proud to be named after a beautiful flower, as "Iris Town", "Lilac Town", Tulip Town", and "Poinsettia Town." Here is one of the best of all opportunities for extension landscape specialists, or anyone else for that matter, to arouse the interest of people and towns in some particular flower of their own choosing, to be planted along the streets, in yards, in parks, around public buildings, factories, railroad stations, garages, in vacant lots, and in fact any place and every place where they will make a show. The plantings should be as orderly as possible and follow a general plan, if one can be adopted.

It ought not to be too difficult to get enough people interested to start this project. Garden clubs, civic clubs, church clubs, town officials, fraternal orders, and individuals will usually work harmoniously together in such a worthy cause. Let us have a goal of at least half a dozen more flower towns before July 1, next. If anyone has started such a project, kindly inform us.

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Remember, folks, success comes in "can" not in "can't."
--Uncle Ezra.

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Editorial -- Our Annual Extension Conference

The American Society for Horticultural Science will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., on December 28, 29, and 30. Our extension round-table conference will occur on Tuesday evening, December 28. Indianapolis being centrally located, we may expect the largest attendance of State specialists we have ever had. In recent years our program has consisted of several short addresses on outstanding lines of work, and on the experience of everyone present on one or more of his or her projects. These conferences have been snappy, witty, instructive, and inspirational.

Kindly send in your suggestions as to what you want this round-table discussion to include. Shall we follow our usual custom, or have you something in mind you would prefer? One subject we do want for discussion is how to reach the lower third, the underprivileged. It is being discussed in some States.

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Sometimes it takes a lot of courage just to sit still and say nothing.-- Uncle Ezra.

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You can put your best foot forward, but it won't get you far unless you can make the other one follow up.

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State Specialists

The latest count of State horticultural specialists is 140. Kindly write us when specialists begin or terminate service in the States.

Alabama.

Mr. H. M. Darling has been appointed in charge of fruit, nut, and vegetable work in Alabama.

Arkansas.

Mr. P. E. Ecton is now extension horticulturist in Arkansas. He is a graduate of the Louisiana State University.

Hawaii.

Mr. Ashley Browne has the horticultural extension work in Hawaii.

North Dakota.

Mr. Victor Lundeen gave up his extension position in April to become a range examiner in the United States Forest Service. Mr. H. A. Graves occupies the position which Mr. Lundeen formerly occupied.

South Dakota.

Mr. G. I. Gilbertson now has the position vacated by Mr. F. L. McMahon last spring.

Right here a correction is in order. In No. 8, page 3, of the April Federal Extension Horticulturist, it is stated that Mr. F. L. McMahon gave up his State specialist position in North Dakota to become county agent in Davison County, North Dakota. The name South Dakota instead of North Dakota should have been used.

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True Stories From the States

Saugatuck, "Iris Town"

In the No. 5, October 15, 1936, Federal Extension Horticulturist, there is a write-up of the "Lilac Town", Basin, Wyo.; the "Poinsettia Town", Ventura, Calif.; and the "Tulip Town", Holland, Mich. The next town claiming recognition is "Iris Town", Saugatuck, located in western Michigan near the shore of Lake Michigan and about 65 miles north of the Indiana line. About 700 flower-loving people, under the guidance of the

Saugatuck Garden Club, are determined to make the town a place of beauty to be remembered by tourists and other visitors. The following quotation is taken from Horticultural News for March 1937.

"The Saugatuck Garden Club has inspired a local interest in iris, has promoted extensive plantings on public grounds and on approaches to the village, has encouraged householders to plant iris in their front yards, all with the laudable purpose of making the town still more attractive. About 12,000 rhizomes have been planted with the cooperation of village officials, and almost all of the plants were donated. There are mass plantings, borders, and some interesting specimen beds. Next year (1938) it is proposed to stage an iris festival in early June.

"Mrs. F. G. Comstock, president of the Garden Club, did much to assure the success of the enterprise. She not only helped secure plants, but, with her assistants, superintended the planting and even saw to it that the local newspaper carried iris articles to acquaint the community with the glory of the German iris. She was aided in her work by Mrs. A. N. Larson and the late Mrs. William Turnbull, both enthusiastic and civic-minded gardeners."

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Human virtues are much like diamonds, they loom up better in plain settings. --Dr. John W. Holland.

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Hawaii on the Job

On June 22 last, Dr. S. Wakabayashi, who has been in charge of the horticultural extension work in Hawaii for several years, sent us the following items about vegetable extension work for inclusion in the Federal Extension Horticulturist. We are very glad to do this, for the State specialists will be interested in knowing what Hawaii is doing. He says that Hawaii needs insect-and disease-resistant vegetables more than ever.

In the budget personnel list sent from Hawaii on August 14, 1937, Dr. Wakabayashi's name does not appear. Instead, the name of Ashley Brown is given as horticultural specialist.

(a) In sweet corn, Hawaii is fortunate in having U.S.D.A. No. 34 variety which was bred by and obtained from the Puerto Rico Experiment Station. This corn is resistant to both leafhoppers and corn earworms.

(b) In watermelons, Improved Kleckley Sweet No. 6, which is resistant to fusarium wilt, was greatly welcomed by growers. However, growers are also in need of anthracnose-resistant varieties that are at the same time resistant to the wilt. Any suggestions from other specialists on this subject will be greatly appreciated.

(c) Likewise powdery-mildew resistant cantaloups are successful, while others are apt to fail. Growers here owe much to Dr. I. C. Jagger's work in melon breeding.

(d) In tomatoes, introduction of Pritchard, Break O'Day, Rutgers and Penn State proved quite profitable to growers here. However, the so-called "Buckeye" disease (*Phytophthora terrestris*) is sometimes disastrous to tomatoes in Hawaii.

(e) In onion varieties, Sweet Spanish does best on account of its resistance to thrips -- which are the worst enemy to this crop here.

(f) In cabbage, Marion Market is considered the best variety, not because we have fusarium wilt (cabbage yellows), but because it is less susceptible to black rot than Copenhagen Market which was most popular up to 3 years ago.

(g) Hawaii growers must try anthracnose-resistant bean and fusarium-wilt resistant celery varieties.

Seed disinfection with red cuprous oxide started last year and is becoming very popular owing to its favorable response generally in Hawaii.

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The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do. --Barrie.

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4-H Garden Club Work in Minnesota

Taken from the Minnesota Horticulturist, January 1937, page 13.

The President Roosevelt's 1936 Trophy was awarded to Florence Erickson, Tracy, Redwood County, at the National Club Congress in Chicago, November 27 to December 5, 1936, for an excellent record covering 8 years in the canning of fruits and vegetables, and in baking, room-furnishing, and leadership projects.

Fine Record by Potato-Club Girl

Edna Sorrels, 4-H club girl of Lake of the Woods County, won a championship prize on Irish Cobbler potatoes at the State Fair, another championship prize at the exhibit of the State Horticultural Society, and a blue ribbon on these same potatoes at the International Livestock and Grain Show in Chicago. Her plot yielded at the rate of 240 bushels per acre.

4-H Garden Story

Albert Posz of Wabasha County said, "I took up the garden project this year so that I would be able to learn more about planting, caring for, and harvesting garden vegetables. I thought that by learning and practicing the best of these methods in the garden it would be helpful to my parents, not only by increasing the quantity and quality of the garden vegetables, but also by lessening their work."

Eighty by Eighty-Four Foot Garden, Supplies Family

Merle Freiheit of Lake City says, "I have made an 80- by 84-foot garden yield all the vegetables necessary for our family needs, and in spite of dry weather I have had some to sell. This is really my first year of undertaking a garden project. I managed to grow successfully 30 kinds of vegetables and probably would have had a larger number if drought conditions had not hindered."

State Champion Gardener

Donald Sandager (18 years old), of Lincoln County, says this about his home-beautification demonstration: "As a part of my home-beautification project I have transformed an old weed patch into a flower garden. This plot of ground, 30 by 80 feet, is on the east edge of the spruce trees and before it became neglected was a strawberry bed, so the soil was quite fertile. ... A walk was laid out down the center with numerous beds 6 by 8 feet on either side. Each of these beds was planted with a different kind of annual flower, grouped according to height and color. At the north end, perennials such as hollyhocks, shasta daisies, and gypsophila were planted. Along the west side I sowed a row of white cosmos. The walk was outlined with white sweet alyssum and blue ageratum, beside which was a bed of gladioli of various colors."

Horticultural Projects Popular

In 1936 there were 10,155 club members carrying garden and home-beautification projects. There were also 2,737 members with potato projects, making a total of 12,892 members in horticulture, and this represents 30 percent of the total enrollment in all 4-H club projects in Minnesota.

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To get a big job done, begin working at it gradually and go on ceaselessly. --Uncle Ezra.

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"The man who is fighting for success nine times out of ten is better off than he is after he thinks he has reached it"--California Citrograph.

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The scenery one remembers most fondly will be what he saw while sitting serenely in contemplative meditation."--Uncle Phil.

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